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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 3690

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF

SUBJECT: PURPORTED KOREAN VESSEL WIN KWATT

REF: MANILA 6888

1. MOFA ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR O CHAE-HUI TOLD POLCOUNS MAY 23 THAT TUG WIN KWATT, WHICH PUT INTO SUBIC MAY 17 WITH 103 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD, WAS NOT, IN FACT, KOREAN FLAG VESSEL. O SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO MOFA INFORMATION, VESSEL HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN LENT BY AID OR SOME OTHER USG AGENCY TO VIETNAM, WHERE IT WAS BEING OPERATED BY JOINT KOREAN/VIETNAMESE ENTERPRISE. WHEN EVACUATION UNDERWAY, KOREAN CREW TOOK OVER SHIP AND SAILED IT FROM VIETNAM. O SAID THAT IT HAD WARNED CREW THROUGH ROK EMBASSY IN MANILA NOT TO SELL SHIP SINCE TITLE TO IT WAS UNCLEAR.

COMMENT: O'S STORY COULD BE AIMED AT AVOIDING IMPRESSION THAT ROKG HAD MADE SWIFT DEAL ON SHIP TO AVOID RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFUGEES. FACTS, HOWEVER, MAY BE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND ACTION ADDRESSEES MIGHT WANT
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TO DO SOME FURTHER CHECKING.

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